



NORTH COUNTY

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Breaking Ground on the SJ BeWell Campus

San Joaquin County is taking bold action to improve behavioral health services. On September 10, County leaders joined State officials to break ground on the SJ BeWell Campus in French Camp—a \$261 million investment that will transform access to care.

The 18.6-acre campus will feature outpatient services, crisis stabilization, residential treatment, and supportive housing, offering a full continuum of care in one location.

“We know that we need bold steps to make a difference,” said Supervisor Ding. “SJ BeWell will change lives. By making smart choices, we are spending this money in a way that will improve people’s health and make our community safer.”

Construction begins in late 2025 with the first building opening in 2027 and full completion by 2029.

View the State Department of Health Care Services Video Clip [Here](#)



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Fighting for Accountability: Proposition 36 Implementation

Supervisor Ding's resolution urging the Governor to fund and enforce Proposition 36—the Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act—was unanimously approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Since implementation, more than 200 cases have been filed under the new law, addressing drug-related crime and repeat theft. Supervisor Ding emphasized that “San Joaquin County is doing its part to uphold the will of the voters and bring accountability back to our justice system.”

[Watch my PSA on Proposition 36 here.](#)

One Year of Results: The SJ CARES Program to reduce homelessness

Launched in 2024 by the County Probation Department, SJ CARES continues to change lives.



In just 14 months:

- 4,400 contacts made across the County
- 770 individuals engaged with outreach teams
- 484 people linked to services such as housing, behavioral health, and medical care
- 85 individuals housed or reunited with family

Supervisor Ding shared the story of Daryl, a Lodi resident now housed in Stockton through the program: “Daryl’s story is proof that when neighbors speak up, staff responds, and nonprofits step in, lives change. We need more Daryls, and I am committed to making sure the County is ready when the next person takes that step.”



If you see someone who needs assistance or an encampment that needs clearing, contact Probation's SJ CARES team at:
sjcares@sjgov.org

Funding Local Priorities

District 4 community organizations received \$269,318 in one-time County funding this year to enhance local programs and services:

- Clements School Community Center: Remodel and addition – \$113,818
- Outreach Ministries International: Walk-in freezer and food truck – \$55,000
- Team Elevate 7 on 7: After-school program – \$1,500
- PALS Haven: HVAC system replacement – \$99,000

Community Development Department Liaison

The Board of Supervisors has appointed Jeff Archer as the new liaison to assist residents with the permitting process. With a decade of experience in customer service and construction as a building inspector, Jeff is available to help with project inquiries.

Contact him at
jarcher@sjgov.org or
209-468-2097.

County and City of Lodi Strengthen Partnership to Address Homelessness and Behavioral Health

San Joaquin County and the City of Lodi are working together to tackle homelessness and behavioral health challenges head-on. In September, the Board of Supervisors approved two major projects that expand housing and treatment services in Lodi.

- Transitional Respite Beds: \$575,910 will fund 12 beds at the Lodi Access Center for individuals facing homelessness and behavioral health needs. These beds will help stabilize clients and connect them to care and permanent housing.
- Housing on Main: The County approved a 10-year lease with the City of Lodi for the new Re-imagined Housing on Main project, creating 40 units of transitional housing with wraparound services.

“These agreements show what can be accomplished when the County and City work together,” said Supervisor Steve Ding. “We are making real investments that will not only help people get off the streets, but also provide the health care, shelter, and support they need to rebuild their lives. What we are doing here is going to be a roadmap for the rest of the country.”

Local Wins: Lower Rates and Better Service

Starting January 2026, Waste Management will provide garbage service for Area C, including Morada and Linden, with improved service and lower rates.

“When this came to the Board, I fought for a competitive process,” said Supervisor Ding. “An open and transparent approach produced up to 37 percent savings for residents. That is the kind of result taxpayers deserve.”

The County is also reducing pre-sorted waste gate fees by up to 18 percent at North County, Foothill, and Lovelace facilities, passing \$2.4 million in operational savings on to residents and businesses through lower solid waste rates.

Critical Resources

24/7 Mental Health Crisis Phone Line
209-468-8686

24/7 Peer Support Warmline
209-468-3585

Suicide Hotline
1-800-SUICIDE
(784-2433)

Institute for Aging Friendship Line
1-800-971-0016

Veterans' Crisis Line
1-800-273-8255

Local Resources
211

SJREADY
Sign up for emergency alerts at www.sjready.org





Protecting the Delta: Tunnel Project Stopped for Another Year

For the first time, under Supervisor Ding's leadership, San Joaquin County launched an aggressive outreach campaign to stop the Delta Tunnel project from being fast-tracked. The effort succeeded, with lawmakers pulling back proposed legislative shortcuts that threatened the Delta's environment and water supply.

"This is not the end of the fight—it is a pause," said Supervisor Ding. "When Sacramento comes back next session, the Delta will be ready, louder and stronger than ever."

Aria University School of Medicine Comes to San Joaquin County

A new era for local health care education has begun. On September 22, San Joaquin County and Aria University broke ground on the County's first medical school, located in French Camp near San Joaquin General Hospital. Through a 30-year lease at \$1 per year, this facility will serve as a hub for training the next generation of doctors, nurses, and mental health professionals.

"When students are taught in our backyard, they stay in our backyard," said Supervisor Ding. "This partnership will help meet the growing demand for qualified medical professionals and strengthen care for our residents."

The school is expected to open in 2027.



San Joaquin County Introduces the NEXGEN 311 System Featuring a New Web Portal and Smartphone App

The San Joaquin County Department of Public Works has officially launched NEXGEN 311, a platform designed to streamline how residents submit service requests and inquiries. This new system, which is replacing the “My San Joaquin” app, provides a direct link between the public and the County’s service teams.

With the new NEXGEN 311 app and web portal, residents can now easily report issues, such as potholes or illegal dumping, and connect with the County teams that will carry out the work. Users can also track the progress of their requests in real time, submit photos, and receive updates.

With NEXGEN 311, residents now have several options for submitting service requests:

- Downloading the new smartphone app available now on Apple and Android devices
- Online through the NEXGEN 311 Web Portal
- By calling (209) 468-3000

NEXGEN 311



Celebrating 175 Years of Growing Greatness at the Board of Supervisors' Gala at the Haggin Museum in Stockton.

Upcoming MAC Meetings

Lockeford MAC

October 16, 2025

7 pm

Lockeford Community Center

Woodbridge MAC

October 23, 2025

6:30 pm

Woodbridge Fire Department

Thornton MAC

November 5, 2025

6:30 pm

Thornton Community Center

Morada MAC

November 6, 2025

5:30 pm

Waterloo-Morada Fire District

Linden MAC

November 19, 2025

7 pm

Linden-Peters Fire District

Classroom



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